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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) More than one local body having proposed to spend Rupees 1,000 in connexion with the reception of His Excellency the Governor, the Government issued orders that no municipal council or district board should spend more than Rs. 500 in such connexion.

(*c*) The attention of the hon Member is invited to section 52 (3) of the Government of India Act.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to answer to clause (*c*) of this question, may I know if the Governor has to consult the Ministers in respect of representations made to him by the local bodies whenever they present him with addresses under section 52 (3) of the Government of India Act ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have said that His Excellency is entitled to take action ; and when addresses are presented and replies are given by him they are done in consultation with the Ministers."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Ministers therefore speak through the Governor in respect of transferred subjects under their charge ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Naturally, if local bodies make representations he must give a reply and he gives it in consultation with the Ministers."

Nomination of Mr. Ramachandra Padayachi as member of the South Arcot District Board.

*1177 *Q.*—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government were aware when nominating Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi, M.L.C., as a member of the South Arcot District Board that he was already a nominated member of the South Arcot District Temple Committee and the District Educational Council ;

(*b*) why the Government nominated the same person to various bodies ;

(*c*) whether the Government considered the under-representation of other communities in the District Board before nominating Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi and satisfied themselves that no other suitable person was available for nomination ;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that Mr. Tayaramma Padayachi, one of the members elected by the Taluk Board, Cuddalore, is the brother-in-law of Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi was promised nomination to the District Board ; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table a complete list of members at present, elected, ex-officio and nominated, of the District Board stating their community and the taluk boards by which they were returned ?

A.—(*a*) Yes, but Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi is an elected member of the District Educational Council.

(*b*) Because he was considered suitable.

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(c) It is never possible to say that no *other* suitable person is available for nomination in any particular vacancy. The Government are, however, satisfied that there was in this instance no *more* suitable person for nomination, after considering the claims of members of other communities.

(d) & (e) No.

(f) A list [a] of members as on 30th September 1928 is laid on the table. No later list is available.

Municipal Councils

Recovery of the defalcated amount in Tellicherry municipality.

*1178 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether a shroff of the Tellicherry municipality was prosecuted and convicted for defalcation of the municipal money ;

(b) whether the municipality realized the amount from anybody ;

(c) whether the Committee appointed by the Municipal Council to enquire into the matter submitted a report to the Government ; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary steps to recoup the loss sustained by the Council, if the Council had not yet realized the amount ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The Committee appointed by the Council submitted its report to the Council and the Government have perused a copy of it.

(d) The Government understand that the Municipal Council proposes to file suits against the shroff and his sureties for the recovery of the amounts embezzled by the shroff.

The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts is considering the question of surcharging the loss.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Working of the Devasthanam Committees.

*1179 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any report has been called for as regards the working of the newly formed Devasthanam Committees in the several districts ;

(b) whether he has decided to renew the existing committees or to hold elections or to reconstitute the committees for another year ;

(c) what is the basis on which he proposes to arrive at a decision in the matter ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 417-419 infra.